(vii) A Pilot project in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls, (Ministry of Women and Child Development).

(d) and (e) An Appraisal of three decades of ICDS was conducted by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) in 2006. The study covered 150 ICDS Projects from 35 States/UTs covering rural, urban and tribal projects.

The main findings of the appraisal are as under:

- Around 59 per cent AWCs studied have no toilet facility and in 17 AWCs this facility was found to be unsatisfactory;
- Around 75% of AWCs have pucca buildings;
- 44 per cent AWCs covered under the study were found to be lacking PSE kits;
- disruption of supplementary nutrition was noticed on an average of 46.31 days at Anganwadi level. Major reasons causing disruption was reported as delay in supply of items of supplementary nutrition;
- 36.5 per cent mothers did not report weighing of new born children;
- 29 per cent children were born with a low weight which was below normal (less than 2500 gm);
- 37 per cent AWWs reported non-availability of materials/aids for Nutrition and Health Education (NHED).

Underweight children in the country

1533. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prevalence of underweight children below five years is higher in the country than least developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during the last four years especially in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of the funds Government had allocated and utilized during the last three years for this purpose, State-wise; and

(d) what steps Government would take to correct the situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Report of UNICEF entitled **The State of the World Children 2008**, the South Asia, including India has the highest level of undernutrition among children below 5 years. The percentage of children under five who are moderately of severely underweight in South Asia is mentioned in this Report as 42% whereas this percentage in the least developed countries is shown as 35%. The percentage of underweight children below 5 years is indicated as 43% in the above report.

(b) Malnutrition is a multifaceted problem all over the country including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The determinants of malnutrition vary from food insecurity, female illiteracy, poor access to

health-care, safe drinking water, sanitation and poor purchasing power. Early marriages of girls, teenage pregnancies resulting in low birth weight of the new borns, poor breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices, ignorance about nutritional needs of infants and young children and repeated infections further aggravate the situation.

(c) and (d) The Government is seized of the problem of malnutrition and IMR and is implementing a number of schemes through out the country, which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of women & children. Some of these are as under:

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

Under this scheme the funds allocated for Supplementary Nutrition to various States/UTs is indicated below:-

Year	Release under Supplementary Nutrition (Rs. in Lakhs)	Expdr. Reported
2005-06	97458.55	214270.62
2006-07	151920.57	310248.31
2007-08	206231.05	437618.04

State-wise details of funds released during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(ii) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls;

(iii) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board;

(iv) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme).

Statement

Releases-expenditure on supplementary nutrition - 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		
		Releases	Expenditure including State share reported by the States	Releases	Expenditure including State share reported by the States	Releases	Expenditure including State share reported by the States	Expenditure reported upto
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Andhra Pradesh	4745.42	8846.15	9052.04	20830.23	13718.25	31327.83	31.3.08
2	Bihar	8260.92	18989.12	11828.92	24681.78	19192.72	20170.66	31.12.07
3	Chhattisgarh	3133.33	7129.94	2953.64	7248.28	10452.14	17188.22	31.3.08

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4	Goa	115.13	315.49	175,41	303.58	169.52	414.46	31.3.08
5	Gujarat	3339.82	8199.26	4297.21	7781.86	3855.01	12173.16	31.3.08
6	Haryana	1810.62	4046.03	2829.56	7273.83	5216.72	13602.74	31.3.08
7	Himachal Pradesh	660.00	1454.00	629.63	1947.09	1017.58	2585.96	31.3.08
8	Jammu & Kashmir	343.56	2190.07	653.20	2811.91	917.69	2306.62	31.3.08
9	Jharkhand	761.49	12711.01	11154.47	14340.13	6997.88	16645.22	31.3.08
10	Karnataka	7379.97	12718.70	9407.65	19116.76	9298.19	21537.21	31.3.08
11	Kerala	1738.28	4703.44	3666.11	7716.88	3979.14	10754.76	31.3.08
12	Madhya Pradesh	5457.86	9457.82	5770.97	17159.58	18263.25	30328.89	31.3.08
13	Maharashtra	9869.23	20676.99	8443.33	28713.90	16770.11	36129.80	31.3.08
14	Orissa	6697.98	7621.71	6646.40	7977.99	6295.06	19011.5	31.3.08
15	Punjab	1246.53	2435.80	3138.07	4016.54	1691.46	4311.06	31.3.08
16	Rajasthan	5534.27	12332.06	8571.57	15719.44	11067.07	20210.20	31.3.08
17	Tamil Nadu	3703.59	5778.00	3451.94	6235.00	3521.89	14254.00	31.3.08
18	Uttar Pradesh	18125.13	45916.19	41902.48	79421.07	47968.74	109749.59	31.3.08
19	Uttaranchal	705.72	1523.10	1347.59	2510.00	2367.65	4627.55	31.3.08
20	West Bengal	6348.24	11845.38	5916.07	16829.56	14392.25	25715.41	31.3.08
21	A & N Islands	80.39	401.39	'93.67	387.68	67.45	473.90	31.3.08
22	Chandigarh	76.33	217.28	154.76	211.75	46.17	155.42	31.3.08
23	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	22.59	68.84	22.59	88.43	96.57	117.19	31.3.08
24	Daman & Diu	13.74	57.00	13.74	63.00		72	31.3.08
25	Lakshadweep	7.52	60.36	39.91	77.64	27.75	83.66	31.3.08
26	Delhi	737.49	839.60	694.29	1692.40	516.47	2988.24	31.3.08
27	Pondicherry	85.72	334.60	55.03	343.71	200.64	395.66	31.3.08
28	Arunachal Pradesh	113.41	113.41	879.60	679.84	461.37	1307.54	31.3.08
29	Assam	3066.67	5337.64	3711.54	4799.71	3376.61	9098.72	31.3.08
30	Manipur	664.58	1329.16	914.32	1778.50	926.30	2295.08	31.3.08
31	Meghalaya	687.17	2279.03	1023.42	2092.65	1007.99	2548.10	31.3.08
32	Mizoram	471.24	1006.00	488.97	1365.21	535.20	1241.20	31.3.08
33	Nagaland	929.07	2008.07	1188.71	1798.71	991.99	2191.99	31.3.08
34	Sikkim	118.48	544.48	95.77	521.77	64.68	411.49	31.3.08
35	Tripura	407.06	783.50	707.69	1711.90	759.54	1487.29	31.3.08
	TOTAL	97458.55	214270.62	151920.57	310248.31	206231.05	437912.32	